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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UR, MPOL, MORG
SUBJECT: BOVIN ON CIVIL DEFENSE

1. FOR WHAT (LITTLE) IT IS WORTH, DURING JAN. 5
CONVERSATION ON 1977 PERSPECTIVES WITH ACTING POL
COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF, IZVESTIYA SENIOR POLITICAL
COMMENTATOR ALEKSANDR BOVIN SAID JOCULARLY THAT HE
HAD NOTICED THE CAMPAIGN ABOUT SOVIET CIVIL DEFENSE
GOING ON IN THE U.S. AND ASKED A FRIEND ON THE PAPER'S
EDITORIAL STAFF WHERE THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO GO IN CASE
OF NUCLEAR ATTACK. THE FRIEND KNEW AS LITTLE AS HE
DID; THEY THOUGHT PERHAPS THE BASEMENT, BUT CONCLUDED
THEY MIGHT AS WELL HEAD STRAIGHT FOR THE CEMETARY, AND
WAIT THERE.

2. ACTING POL COUNS SAID IF SOVIETS WERE REALLY
CONCERNED ABOUT CIVIL DEFENSE TOPIC IN U.S. PRESS, ONE
THING THEY COULD DO ABOUT IT WAS PUBLICH MORE SPECIFIC
INFORMATION ON SOVIET CD PROGRAMS, SINCE IT SEEMED
CLEAR LATTER WERE BEING UPGRADED OVER PAST FEW YEARS.
BOVIN REPLIED THAT THIS WAS ASKING TOO MUCH, SINCE SOVIET
MILITARY, LIKE MILITARY EVERYWHERE, ARE SO DEVOTED TO SECRECY
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THAT THEY WILL NOT LET OUT KIND OF INFORMATION NEEDED TO ALLAY
CONCERNS. IN THAT CASE, WE REPLIED, THEY PROBABLY HAD
TO EXPECT CONTINUED PRESS TREATMENT IN U.S.
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